

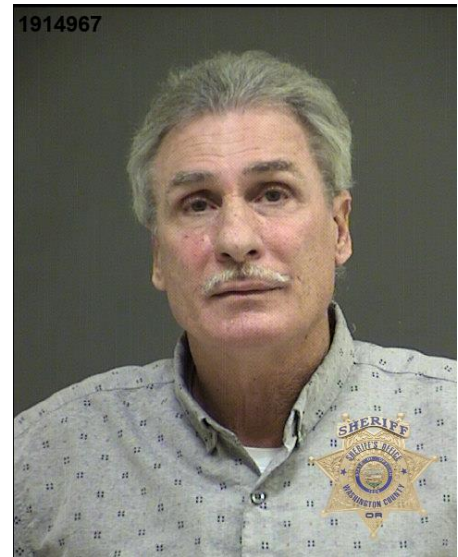
# MEDIA RELEASE

## Detectives Seek Additional Victims in Jewelry Scam Case

October 25, 2019

On Thursday, October 24, 2019, detectives with the Washington County Sheriff's Office conducted a sting to catch Ronald Bocca, 57 of Otis. Mr. Bocca misled Jan Dickinson, 90 of Portland, by defrauding her of several hundred dollars worth of gold jewelry.

Detectives initially found out Mrs. Dickinson answered an advertisement in a local newspaper so she could sell her costume jewelry. On July 25, 2019, Mrs. Dickinson met Mr. Bocca at her residence to sell her costume jewelry. Mr. Bocca focused on Mrs. Dickinson's 14K gold jewelry. Mr. Bocca tested the gold and told Mrs. Dickinson it was fake. Mrs. Dickinson provided Mr. Bocca receipts from local jewelry stores where the items were purchased. Mr. Bocca told Mrs. Dickinson that jewelry stores frequently switch the jewelry on customers with fake jewelry before finalizing the sale.



Detectives asked Mrs. Dickinson to contact Mr. Bocca to see if he wanted to purchase more of her costume Jewelry. Mr. Bocca told Mrs. Dickinson he wished to buy the additional jewelry and made arrangements to meet at Mrs. Dickinson's home on October 24th. Once Mr. Bocca arrived, he looked through the jewelry and said it was fake. Mr. Bocca said the Jewelry was only worth \$175. Detectives had previously had the same jewelry appraised at a value of over \$3,000.

Once Mr. Bocca paid Mrs. Dickinson \$175, he left Mrs. Dickinson's home. Mr. Bocca was stopped by deputies and detectives shortly after. Detectives located the jewelry he had just purchased from Mrs. Dickinson and several more jewelry items unrelated to Mrs. Dickinson.

Detectives believe there are more victims of Mr. Bocca and would like to speak with them. Detectives are asking anyone who thinks they have conned by Mr. Bocca to call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 503-846-2700.



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